

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022  
6:00 PM

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Mayor Amy Ware called the Regular meeting to order in the Council Chambers, City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Amy Ware, District 4

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marvin Bonner, District 1  
Jennifer Truelove, District 3  
Amanda Abraham, District 6

Leo Morris, District 2  
Vernia Calhoun, District 5  
Micah Fenton, District 7

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

David Willard, Interim City Manager  
Christol Hall, HR Manager  
Eric Powell, Public Works Director  
Scott Rectenwald, Acting City Attorney  
Randy Pritchard, Support Services Superintendent

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief  
Reggie Cooper, Fire Chief  
Dawn Jones, Finance Director  
Kim Smith, Senior Accountant

INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Mayor Ware

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Karen Bickerdike, 17 Pine Burr Circle, requested the Council consider creating a Strategic Planning Committee for Wonderland of Lights.

Scott Rectenwald, 110 W. Fannin, informed the Council and public that Trinity Martha's Kitchen is open on Thursday nights.

2. **ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Item D was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

A. Consider approval of the minutes from the December 9, 2021 Regular meeting and the December 15, 2021 Special-Called meeting.

B. Street Sweeping Activity Report.

C. Monthly Financial Report.

**ORDINANCE**

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE ALARM PERMIT ORDINANCE.

Cliff Carruth, Police Chief, highlighted modifications to the Alarm Permit ordinance.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve modifications to the Alarm Permit ordinance. Councilmember Calhoun seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING WRECKER SERVICES THAT PERFORM POLICE-AUTHORIZED TOWS OR NON-CONSENSUAL TOWS, TOWING ACTIVITIES AT POLICE SCENES, AND STORAGE FACILITIES TO WHICH VEHICLES TOWED AS POLICE-AUTHORIZED OR NON-CONSENSUAL TOWS ARE TAKEN.

Cliff Carruth asked for approval to amend Article III Wrecker Service to reflect the Police Department as being responsible for the administration of Wrecker Services.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Abraham made a motion to table amending Article III of the Wrecker Service ordinance. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN EACH CLASSIFICATION FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

Cliff Carruth asked for approval of an ordinance designating the number of positions in each classification for Police Officers. Cliff Carruth stated Chapter 2.4.1 has been amended to reclassify two (2) Police Captains to Assistant Chiefs.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve an ordinance designating the number of positions in each classification for Police Officers after the number of positions under the classification Police Officers is updated. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

7. DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.

Mayor Amy Ware presented the 2022 City Council meeting schedule.

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion to approve the 2022 City Council meeting schedule. Councilmember Bonner seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

8.

DISCUSSION OF AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR SIGNING BONUS FOR MARSHALL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES.

Cliff Carruth asked for approval of a signing bonus of \$5,000.00 for new Marshall Police Department employees and \$2,500.00 for new Communications employees who are certified and have at least one (1) year experience. Cliff Carruth stated funding would come from savings in Police Department salary accounts.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

**Councilmember Fenton made a motion to table signing bonuses for new Marshall Police Department and Communications employees. Councilmember Truelove seconded the motion, which passed with the following vote of:**

**Ayes: 6, Mayor Ware, Councilmembers Fenton, Truelove, Calhoun, Bonner and Abraham**

**Nays: 1, Councilmember Morris**

9.

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

D. Municipal Court Activity Report.

Councilmember Abraham stated her reasons for withdrawing this item. Councilmember Abraham requested Municipal Court be placed on a separate page on the City's website.

Councilmembers asked questions and discussed.

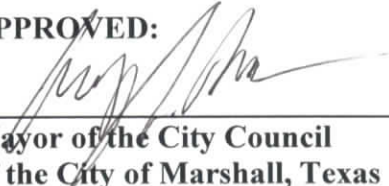
**Councilmember Calhoun made a motion to approve Item D from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Abraham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

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ADJOURNMENT

**Councilmember Truelove made a motion for adjournment. Councilmember Fenton seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 7:0.**

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor of the City Council  
of the City of Marshall, Texas

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary

Ordinances: O-22-01  
O-22-02